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Crop Progress and Condition



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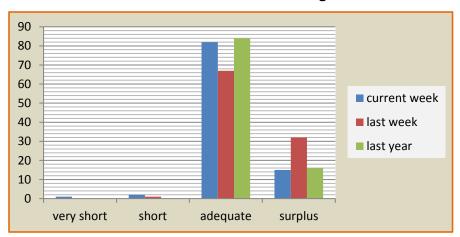
<u>Agricultural News</u>: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.7. Weather conditions started cooler, but warmed up. Precipitation amounts varied; some fields continue to be wet. Farming activities this week included planting crops.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 05/19/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
	%	%	%	%	
Topsoil	1	2	82	15	
Subsoil	1	3	84	12	
Hay & Roughage	5	27	62	6	
Feed grain	2	6	90	2	

⁻Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/19/19



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/19/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	%	%	%	%	%	
Apples	-	1	72	25	2	
Peaches	-	-	73	26	1	
Hay	1	3	40	53	3	
Winter Wheat	-	8	52	38	2	
Pasture	2	7	32	53	6	
Cattle & Calves	1	9	33	53	4	
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	42	54	3	

⁻ Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/19/19

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg	
	%	%	%	%	
Corn planted	35	26	24	35	
Corn emerged	20	15	8	15	
Hay first cut	4	-	4	4	
Soybeans planted	26	19	17	19	
Soybeans emerged	6	-	3	4	
Winter Wheat headed	19	11	29	38	

⁻ Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending May 19, 2019

The week started very cold as all stations across the State recorded temperatures 10 to 15 degrees below normal for the first couple of days. For the rest of the week, temperatures increased until they were around 10 degrees above normal the last couple of days. Even though a snapshot of any day during the week might have told a different story, overall temperatures were very close to normal. Charleston, Beckley, and Bluefield were the only stations to end the week with below normal temperatures. Areas of showers and thunderstorms popped up during the week as warm air filtered back into the area after a cold beginning. Because the precipitation fell in the form of showers and thunderstorms, precipitation amounts varied. However, nearly all stations reported less than normal precipitation amounts. Charleston was the only station to exceed average due to thunderstorm activity that passed directly over Charleston late in the workweek. Although most stations did not reach average, seven stations did exceed one inch of precipitation.

<u>Temperatures</u>: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 90 degrees. Beckley had the lowest recorded temperature of 32 degrees. The state average temperature was 61 degrees.

<u>Precipitation:</u> Charleston had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.05 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.39 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.90 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 05/19/19

	Temperature Temperature			Precipitation					
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Station	High	Low	Average	Departure	Total	Norm	2019	Last Year	Normal
NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	85	43	62	2	0.39	0.95	4.40	7.84	5.55
PARKERSBURG	87	40	63	1	0.69	0.97	5.95	7.91	5.81
CRESTON	88	36	61		0.97		7.62	7.49	
NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	87	42	62	1	0.45	1.06	6.50	9.28	6.27
CLARKSBURG	88	40	62	1	0.53	0.96	6.21	9.09	6.09
BELINGTON	87	36	60		1.02		6.71	11.04	
WESTON	89	39	62		0.99		7.28	9.95	
SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	89	42	64		0.54		6.39	7.53	
HUNTINGTON	86	42	64	0	0.84	1.07	7.61	6.24	6.25
CHARLESTON	87	39	63	-1	2.05	1.10	8.74	6.67	6.10
RIPLEY	88	36	61		0.97		7.08	7.43	
CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	81	35	58		1.07		9.07	12.19	
ELKINS	85	35	59	1	0.83	1.20	7.47	10.93	6.90
MARLINTON	86	35	58		0.91		7.82	9.89	
SOUTHERN				-					
BECKLEY	82	32	58	-2	0.93	1.08	7.92	7.60	6.16
PINEVILLE	86	41	62		0.53		6.91	8.80	
BLUEFIELD	84	34	58	-5	0.59	0.96	7.47	8.39	5.88
WHITE SUL SP	85	33	58		1.37		8.08	9.09	
BLUESTONE DAM	84	39	61		1.27		8.21	9.39	
NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	88	38	62	1	0.54	0.93	8.45	9.71	5.85
KEYSER	90	36	61		1.22		8.62	11.12	
MOOREFIELD	86	38	61		1.16		8.14	9.79	

State Average Temperature 61 State Average Precipitation 0.90

Source:

Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.